

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, April 20, 2023, I was unavoidably detained and unable to cast my vote on three roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on rollcall No. 190; YES on rollcall No. 191; and NO on rollcall No. 192.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LOUIS BARTOLINI

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Louis (Lou) Bartolini, who passed away at the age of 91 on April 2, 2023, to recognize his extraordinary contributions to Marin County.

Born in the Hunters Point neighborhood of San Francisco in 1932, Lou grew up in the Bay Area, learning French as his first language. He attended St. Ignatius College Preparatory and the University of San Francisco before joining Merrill Lynch, where he served a long career as a broker. From San Francisco, he relocated to the Black Point neighborhood of Marin County with his wife Margaret Bartolini, whom he married in 1991.

After retiring, Lou dedicated his time, skills, and funds to the community. He joined the Board of Westamerica Bank, served as a district governor with the Rotary Club of San Rafael, participated as a member of the Marin Forum, and managed the campaign of former San Rafael Mayor Al Boro. Lou's local leadership, however, was most prominent in the arts.

Lou was a patron of the arts and champion of the local community. He and his wife, Marge, were the principal benefactors of the Marin Center's art exhibit, aptly named the Bartolini Gallery, a longtime dream of the community made possible in 2015 by the couple's generosity. With this public gallery, Lou envisioned a space to showcase local artists work and ensure "arts for all." The 2,000 square-foot gallery prioritizes representation of diverse and underserved communities, from exhibits celebrating artists over the age of 80 to Marin City's 80th anniversary. Beyond visual arts, Lou was also a benefactor of the Marin Symphony and served as the organization's board president.

Along with his strong work ethic and effectiveness, Lou was known for his positive attitude, quick wit, and humble demeanor. While he will be greatly missed, his legacy will live on through the positive impact he had on his community.

Lou is survived by his wife of 31 years, Marge; his three children: Paul, LeeAnn, and Mark; two stepdaughters: Leslie and Amy; 9 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in extending condolences to Lou's family and friends and in expressing my appreciation for his decades of public service in his community.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND CAREER OF CHIEF HAROLD DAVID ROSSMAN, JR., OF THE LAKE ORION POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of Chief Harold David Rossman, Jr., who has dedicated his life to serving the people of the Lake Orion community and of our great state.

Harold began his police career in 1987 as a reserve police officer in Lake Orion, and over the years, he also served Almont and Clarkston as a part-time officer. Chief Rossman began his full-time career in law enforcement with the Wayne County Sheriffs Office in 1995 while he was still part-time with the Lake Orion Police Department. Chief Rossman became a full-time police officer in Lake Orion that same year, was promoted to lieutenant in 2001, and after almost 20 years of distinguished service, was tapped for chief of police.

Chief Rossman's selfless and tireless dedication to law enforcement and the safety of our community serves as an inspiration to all of us who value public safety.

One of the most fundamental services in any community is law enforcement. Throughout his extensive career, Harold Rossman accepted great responsibility and faced many unique challenges requiring courage, preparation, and skill. In his service, Chief Rossman has guided Lake Orion through many new pressures to the balance of public safety and the rights of individuals. His distinguished leadership, coupled with his integrity, professionalism, and kind presence throughout the community, has earned him well-deserved appreciation and respect. Chief Rossman's extraordinary tenure in public service is something we should all be proud of.

Beyond his service as a dedicated law enforcement officer, Chief Rossman deeply enjoys NASCAR, spending time with his grandchildren, and interacting with the Lake Orion community.

I know that the Lake Orion Police Department and the wider community will miss his presence as chief. Chief Rossman's legacy will undoubtedly continue to inspire future generations of law enforcement officers and community leaders. I look forward to his continued presence as he navigates the reward of retirement.

On behalf of the people of Michigan's Ninth District, I want to thank Harold David Rossman, Jr., for his tireless dedication and service to our communities. We wish him all the best in his retirement, and we know that he will continue to be a great resource to our community in whatever capacity he chooses to serve.

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HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I regrettably missed three votes during the week of April

24th due to a loss in the family. On April 26, 2023, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 200. On April 27, 2023, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call No. 201. On April 28, 2023, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call No. 202.

RECOGNIZING SARAH NEWSOME

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sarah Newsome and her service to Virginia's First District and the Nation.

Sarah earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia, where she double majored in foreign affairs and religion. Prior to attending UVA, Sarah graduated from Collegiate School in Richmond, Virginia.

During her undergraduate studies, she interned on Capitol Hill and the Center for Christian Study. After graduating and prior to joining my office, she interned for the Center for a New American Security and the American Bakers Association.

Sarah joined my office in February 2020 as my staff assistant. She then worked her way up to press secretary, and subsequently to communications director. Sarah has been an incredibly versatile member of Team Wittman and was always eager to assist the office with new tasks. She contributed tremendously to providing the best constituent service and was a great mentor to both interns and staff. Sarah's contagious laughter, positive attitude, and leadership will be greatly missed in my office.

I would like to thank Sarah for her contributions and dedicated service over the last 3 years. She has been an invaluable member of my team, and I wish her the best as she begins her new role with the Chief Executives Organization.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Sarah Newsome for her service to Virginia's First District and the Nation. May God bless Sarah as she continues her career.

HONORING NAPA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Napa County Historical Society as it celebrates its 75th Anniversary.

Napa County Historical Society was founded in May 1948 as an outgrowth of Napa County's Centennial Commission. The Historical Society has remained committed to discovering, preserving, and displaying the heritage and people of Napa County. The Historical Society's role in recognizing Napa Valley's place in California history and global platforms remains unchallenged.

The Goodman Library was secured by then Executive Director Jess Doud in the late 1970s. Over the years, the Historical Society has partnered with the City of Napa to maintain the historical Goodman Library. The building now serves as a location for the ever-

growing research library. By hosting exhibitions, presentations, and tours, as well as research and other educational activities, the library focuses on the local history of Napa County. Napa County Historical Society keeps its doors open to the public as a local exhibition space for exploration and education. At present, the Historical Society welcomes over 20,000 visitors annually.

As a non-profit organization, Napa County Historical Society's team includes the board of directors, an executive director, and a research librarian to maintain the logistical and operational aspects. Napa County Historical Society also continues to advocate for the recognition and education of Napa Valley's history by the younger generations. The Historical Society provides internships for both secondary and collegiate students, along with volunteer opportunities.

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that Napa County Historical Society has contributed to the preservation and recognition of Napa Valley's history over the past 75 years.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND JAMES A.
JAMISON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend James A. Jamison, who has retired after 32 years of dedicated service as the Assistant Pastor at Brookland Baptist Church in West Columbia, South Carolina. Reverend Jamison is a native of Cayce, South Carolina, and is married to the former Marilyn Garvin. He attended the public schools of Lexington School District No. 2 and is a graduate of Brookland-Cayce High School. Prior to his graduation, he received and accepted the call to the ministry.

Rev. Jamison attended Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina, and received a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Philosophy. He graduated with the highest average in Religion and Philosophy and was a member of the National Dean's List. He was also named in the 1987 and 1989 Editions of Outstanding Young Men of America.

He pursued seminary studies at Morehouse School of Religion of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, and received a Master of Divinity degree in 1990. Rev. Jamison earned a Master of Sacred Theology from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina, in May 2014. He also completed one certified year of residency in Clinical Pastoral Education at the Columbia Area Academy in 1991 and completed requirements for a Doctor of Ministry degree at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois in 2019.

Rev. Jamison has pastored Oak Grove Baptist Church of Forest City, North Carolina; Hall Hill Baptist Church of Pelion, South Carolina; and New Hope Baptist Church of Crawfordville, Georgia; and has preached and taught abroad. In 1989, he was invited to do research on the continents of Africa and Europe in Italy, Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya.

In June of 1994, he participated in the Kenya Partnership as a preacher, teacher,

and group leader. He was invited in 2007 to travel to Liberia on a preaching and mission trip. He is also in demand as a lecturer, and teacher on the state and district level. He is a former member of the faculty of the State Congress of Christian Education and served as an instructor and director of the Minister's Division. He has served as an instructor for the Gethsemane Congress of Christian Education as well as Dean of the Congress and President of the Gethsemane Congress of Christian Education.

Rev. Jamison is a former Commissioner of Education with the Gethsemane Congress of Christian Education and has served as Dean of the Gold Hill Association in Forest City, North Carolina. He also served as an instructor for the Southern Region of the Progressive National Baptist Convention. Rev. Jamison has served as an instructor of religion at Morris College for twenty years and was selected for "Who's Who among America's Teachers" in 2003–2004. He previously taught at Claflin University and Dickerson-Green Seminary Allen University and serves as a peer group facilitator for the Styberg Preaching Institute.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in celebrating the retirement of Reverend James A. Jamison and wishing him Godspeed.

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HON. BARBARA LEE

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday April 25, 2023, I was unavoidably detained and unable to cast my vote on two roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on Roll Call No. 193 and YES on Roll Call No. 194.

RECOGNIZING THE KANSAS CITY
SPORTS COMMISSION & FOUNDATION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 5, 2023

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with immense pride to recognize and celebrate the Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation for their contributions and achievements in promoting Kansas City sports locally and nationally in order to create economic development and recreational opportunities to achieve a better quality of life for the Greater Kansas City area. Notably, they are responsible for the 2023 NFL Draft's selection of Kansas City, and most recently, the selection as a host city for the 2026 World Cup. It is through the advocacy, passion for sports and its benefits, and overall dedication to our community that the Sports Commission enables others to see the immense potential Kansas City has to offer that too often has been overlooked. I am truly honored to represent an organization who works selflessly for the improvement of their community.

The KC Sports Commission and Foundation first opened its door as a privately funded,

nonprofit membership organization on January 12, 1966. With Ernie Mehl as the first chairman of the volunteer-led organization, the Sports Commission's primary objectives rallied behind introducing a new professional baseball team, growing the number of Chiefs season ticket holders, and campaigning for the construction of a sports complex through the public and private sector. Through their commitment and diligence to achieve these goals, the Sports Commission garnered the support of various city leaders including Ewing Kauffman, Ray Evans, and Earl Smith.

As a testament to their dedication, the Sports Commission helped bring the Kansas City Royals and pass bond funding that led to the creation of the Truman Sports Complex, all within two years of their founding. By 1989, the organization was restructured as a 501(c)3 organization with Kevin M. Gray as its first paid staff member and Executive Director. Throughout its tenure, the organization has been housed at the Mid-America Lubermen's Association, the Cancer Society and finally in 2000, landed at 1308 Pennsylvania Avenue where the office was renamed The McGuff Sports Center, where it is currently located.

Since its inception, the Sports Commission has operated events such as Kansas City's Big 12 Run, the Kansas City Marathon presented by Garmin, and the Kansas City Sports Awards Banquet presented by Populous among many others. Additionally, it has helped organize and facilitate events such as the MLB All-Star Game in 2012, MLS All-Star Game in 2013, Kansas City Royals World Series Celebration and Parade in 2015, and the U.S. Gymnastics Championships in 2019. Under the leadership of President and CEO, Kathy Nelson, a KC native and leader, the Sports Commission is reaching new milestones in 2023 with a diverse sports event schedule that includes the Big 12 Tournament for men and women, a NCAA regional and the NFL Draft. The KC Sports Commission & Foundation have reached new horizons than ever before, bringing the Greater Kansas City area into the national and international spotlight. It is without a doubt that the city and its residents will reel in the benefits that will come from these events. The NFL Draft will show patrons locally and nationally the enthusiasm and spirit of our community and exhibit itself as an exemplary example to follow in our cities. This years' experience is expected to break records for having the largest stage and biggest screens in league history, offering a never-before-seen experience. As locals and visitors gather for one of the biggest events of the year, we honor and recognize the hard work of the Sports Commission that led us here. In three years from now, when Kansas City welcomes fans from all over the world for the 2026 World Cup, everyone will recognize the love and faith this organization has in its community. Ensuring that Kansas City was placed on the international stage was not an easy task, but the Sports Commission persevered and secured a spot as one of the host cities in the United States that'll offer a home to those tuning in for the world's most watched soccer event. There is no doubt that this organization will continue to thrive in the years to come by striving to reach new goals to better our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the Kansas City Sports